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"DISAPPOINTED.
DISGUSTED..."

"QUITE FRANKLY
HORRIFIED."

MISSING



CRINGER of the Royal House of Eternos
will be nervous and fearful if approached.
Speaks, but not often.
SUBSTANTIAL REWARD OFFERED

QUALITY
FURS

HATE
SKELETONS

ETERNOS PALACE
THRONE ROOM.

THOSE ARE
JUST A FEW OF THE
MORE POLITE WORDS I
CAN MUSTER TO EXPRESS
MY FEELINGS ON THE
MATTER, **ADAM!**

IT'S ONE
THING TO SNEAK
OUT AT NIGHT TO
IMPRESS GIRLS...IT'S
TOTALLY ANOTHER
TO LEAVE THE GATE
OPEN FOR YOUR
TIGER TO RUN
OUT OF.

CONSIDER ME YOUR
BLACKSMITH,
MY LIEGE.

I...I KNOW.
I'M SO SORRY. IF
I COULD GO BACK IN
TIME AND FIX THIS,
I WOULD...

CRINGER
ISN'T JUST A
PET. HE'S BEEN MY
BEST FRIEND SINCE
I WAS LITTLE. WE
DO EVERYTHING
TOGETHER...

SIGH. OH,
HONEY...

DON'T
FEEL BAD FOR HIM,
MARLENA! THE **PRINCE**
IS MY ONLY REMAINING HEIR!
HOW CAN I TRUST HIM WITH
MY KINGDOM IF I CAN'T
EVEN TRUST HIM WITH A
DAMNED CAT?!

THESE ARE
DANGEROUS TIMES,
ADAM! TENSIONS ARE STILL
HIGH WITH **KING FAUST**, AND
SKELETOR MARCHES ACROSS
THE **DARK HEMISPHERE**
WITH SOME NEW ARTIFACT
AT HAND!

I'D HOPED
YOU'D PUT AWAY
CHILDISH THINGS
AND RISE TO THESE
CHALLENGES ON
YOUR OWN!

BUT YOU ARE SOFT,
AND THAT'S BECAUSE
I'VE BEEN FAR TOO EASY
ON YOU. YOU MUST BE
SHARPENED...POUNDED
INTO SHAPE.

OH
BOY.

I'D LIKE YOU
TO INCREASE
THE FREQUENCY
AND INTENSITY OF
YOUR TRAINING
WITH **CAPTAIN**
TEELA.

I'D HOPED
YOU'D BECOME
THE CHAMPION OF
ETERNIA THAT
HE-MAN IS.



MAN-AT-ARMS' WORKSHOP.

...THINGS WERE PRETTY TENSE IN THE THRONE ROOM. YA THINK A GOOD MAGIC TRICK WOULD LIGHTEN THE MOOD, MAN-AT-ARMS?

I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT.

ARE YOU SURE? I'VE GOT THIS NEW SPELL THAT SUMMONS TWO HUNDRED WHEELS OF CHEESE AND--

ORKO! STOP! I'M BUSY!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY EYES, OLD MAN?

SIGH. BUT IT'S REALLY AROMATIC CHEESE...

JUST A FEW MINOR ADDITIONS, TRI-KLOPS.

BUT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR CURRENT HOME WELL ENOUGH.

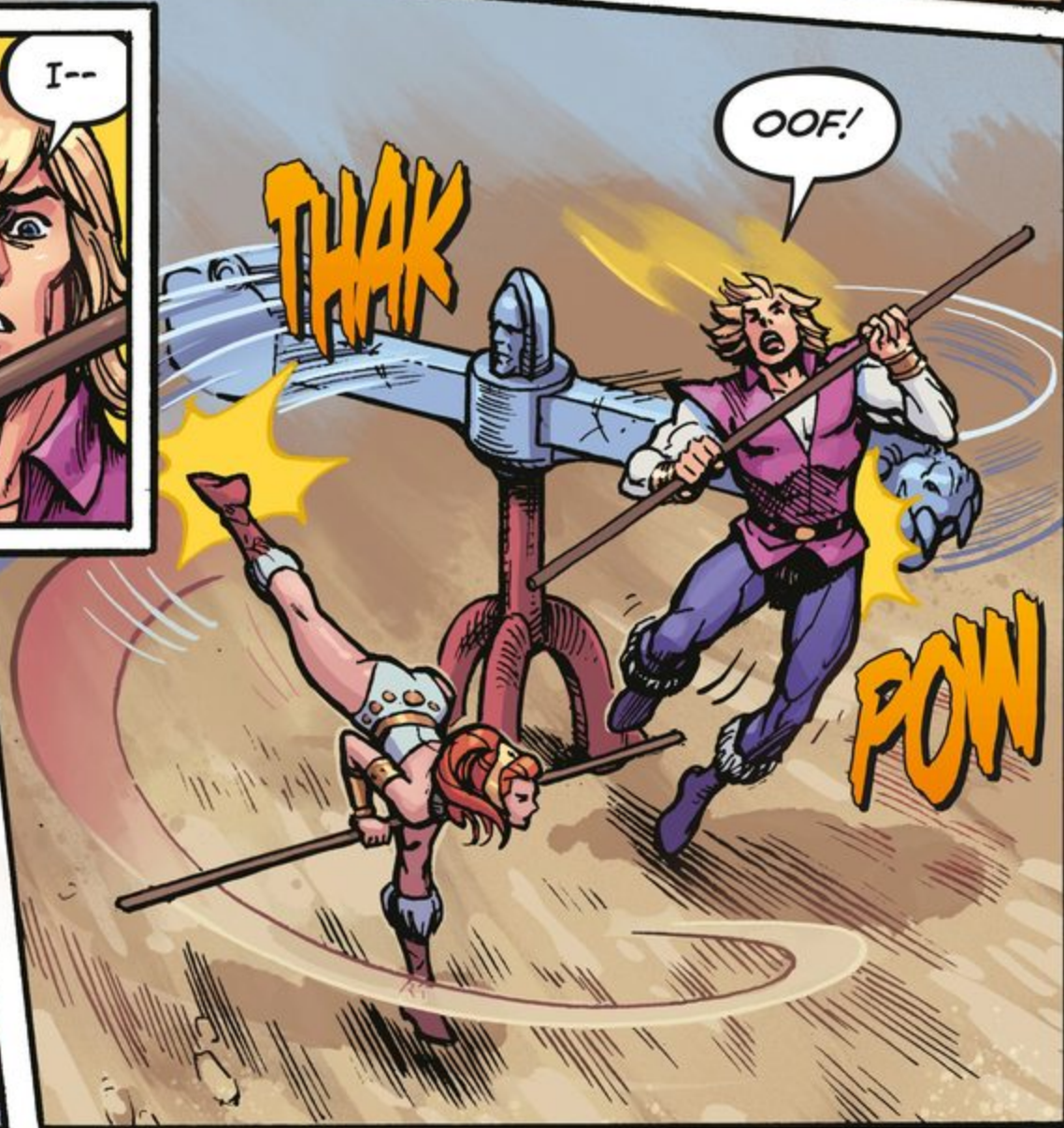
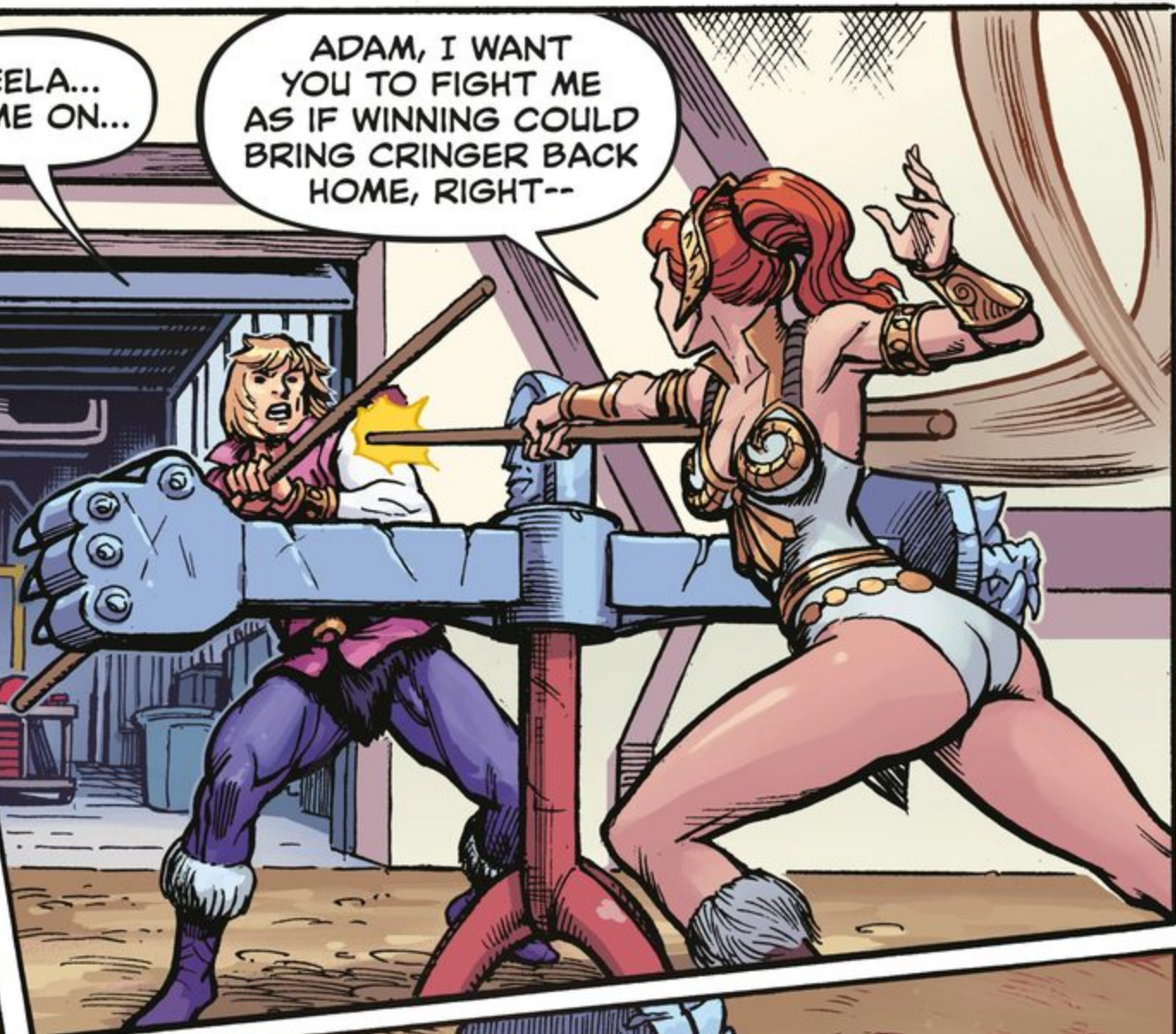
THIS NEW ONE STILL WON'T GIVE YOU THE FULL RANGE OF VISION OF THE DIAL SKELETOR TOOK FROM YOU...*

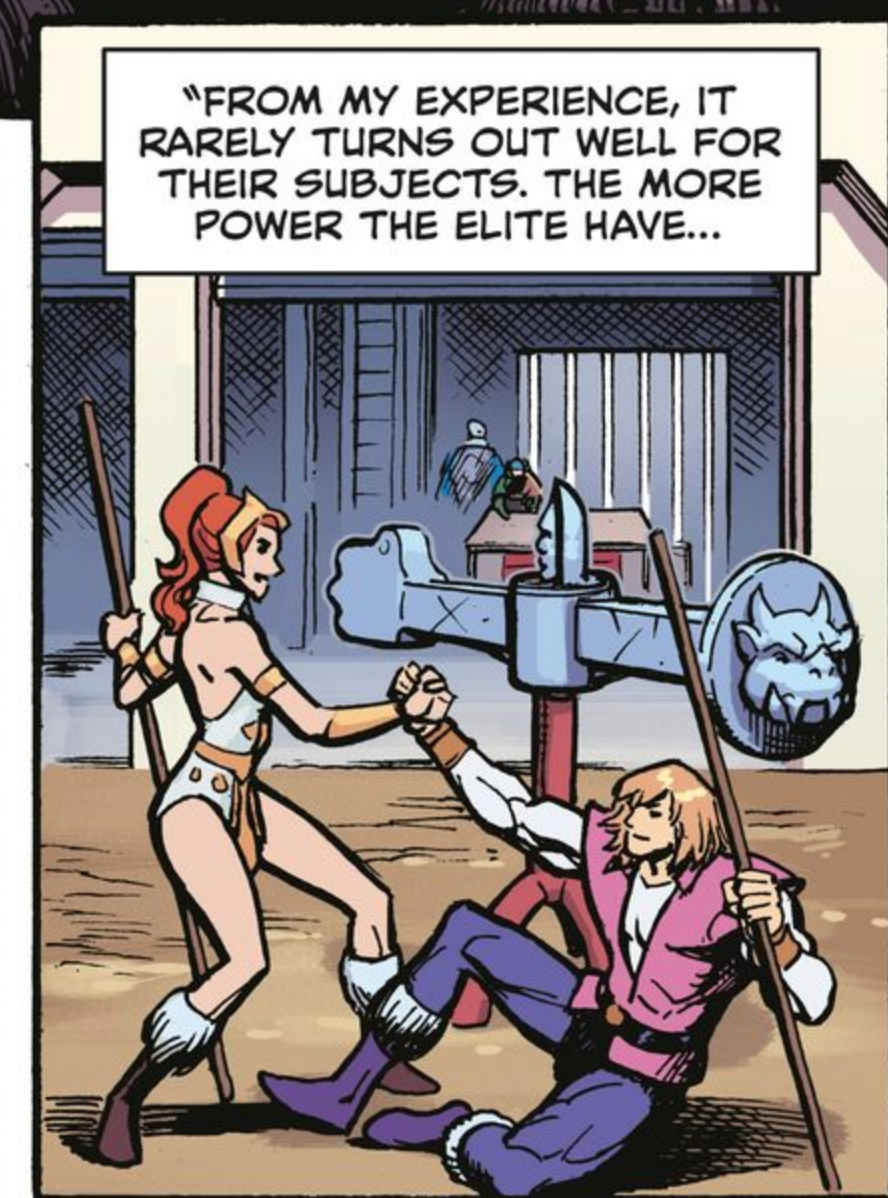
*SEE HE-MAN AND THE MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE #3

APPRECIATED. I'M IN NO HURRY TO STARE AT THE WALLS OF MY CELL...

BUT WATCHING YOUR DAUGHTER ABUSE THE PRINCE DAILY DOES PROVIDE SOME ENTERTAINMENT.

ALL RIGHT, ADAM...





"THE LESS THEY
CARE ABOUT THOSE
WHO HAVE *NONE*."

ATTACK!
DRIVE THE BEASTS
INTO THE OCEAN
AND THE FISH INTO
THE TREES!

ATTACK,
YOU DAMNED
FOOLS!



LATER.



MER-MAN AND BEAST MAN'S PACT MEANS WE'RE BATTLING SOLDIERS WELL VERSED IN BOTH AQUATIC AND JUNGLE COMBAT AT ONCE.

THE TWO OF THEM HAVE OUTFLANKED YOUR HENCHMEN AT EVERY TURN.



AND YOU, SKELETOR--YOU DON'T FIGHT WITH US! YOU MERELY SHOUT YOUR ORDERS AND WATCH US BLEED! HOW HAS THIS "SWORD OF FLAWS" MADE YOU ANY DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE?!



HNHK!

I DON'T FIGHT, LYN, BECAUSE THE KINGS' CANNON FODDER DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING I WANT...

NOTHING I CAN TAKE.



PLEASE...SKELETOR... CEASE THIS FUTILE WAR...

GRAYSKULL... WE SHOULD BE LAYING SIEGE TO THE CASTLE TO GAIN ITS SECRETS...



YOU SSSHOULD EAT.

I'M NOT HUNGRY, KOBRA KHAN.

EVIL-LYN! HOW GOES MY CAMPAIGN?



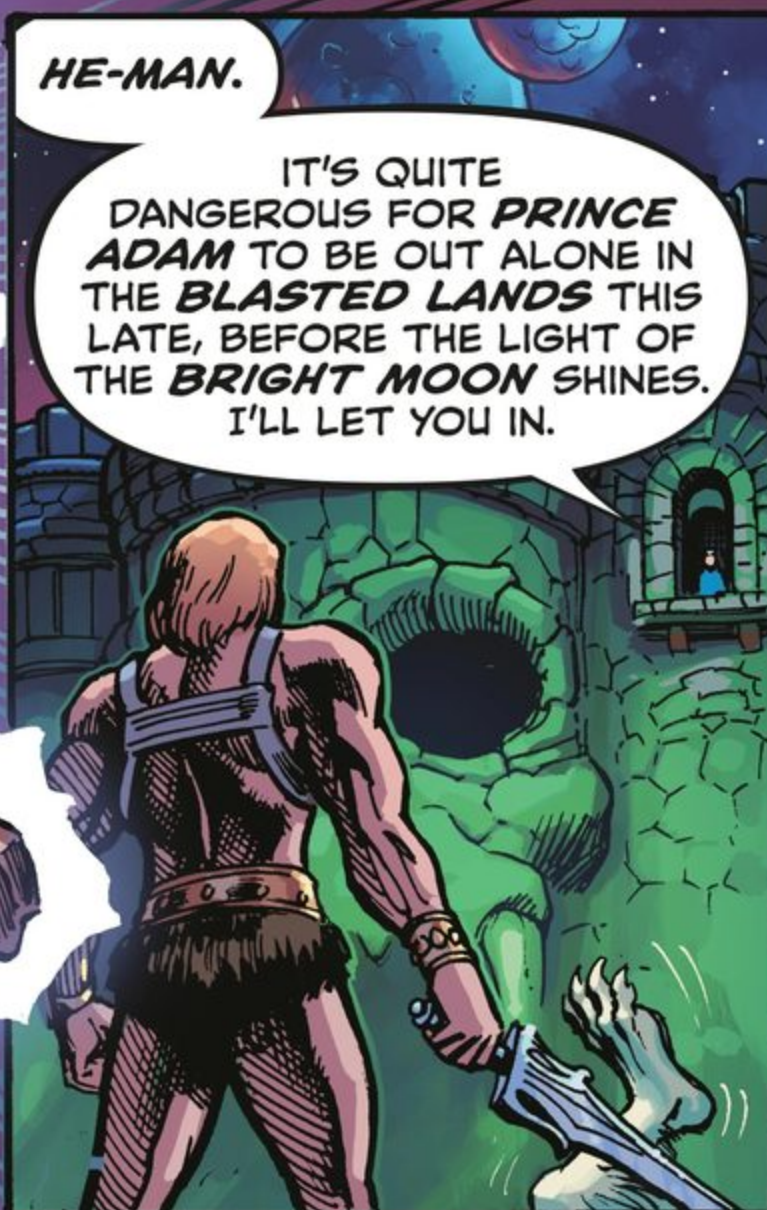
FIELDS OF
RUST.

NEAR CASTLE
GRAYSKULL.





I HAVE THE
POWER!



"AND WITH **DUNCAN** BUSY TREATING THE INJURED AFTER THE BATTLE AT **HEAVENPIERCER**, I'VE HAD TO RELY ON **ORKO** TO COVER FOR ME."



SORCERESS... WHEN I WAS MAKING THE CHANGE INTO HE-MAN... I INSTINCTIVELY TURNED THE SWORD OVER TO CRINGER AND...

YOU MISS HIM. I'M SO SORRY. I WISH I HAD BETTER NEWS ABOUT **BATTLE CAT**...



BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU...

HE FEELS NO PAIN.

OH... BUDDY...



I'VE INDUCED A MAGICAL STASIS TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER DEGRADATION. HE DREAMS OF JUNGLE HUNTS AND WARM SUN, DESPITE THE DAMAGE TO HIS ARCANIC FORM.

PRRRRR.

HE'S PURRING.



THE **SWORD OF FLAWS** DID THIS. HOW?

THE BLADE WAS FORGED BY THE ENGINEER **GRAY**, THE MAN WHO WOULD BECOME **HE-RO**, AS A FAIL-SAFE AGAINST THE MISUSE OF MAGIC.





BUT IT WAS IMMEDIATELY SOUGHT BY EVIL MEN LIKE **KING HISS**...AND IT SEEMS HE-RO CREATED THE **POWER SWORD**--**YOUR** POWER SWORD--AS A MEANS TO COMBAT THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK IT.



BUT FOR FEAR... PERHAPS OF HIS OWN POTENTIAL CORRUPTION... GRAY DIDN'T DESTROY THE BLADE, INSTEAD HIDING IT IN THE **CAIRN OF PANTHEONS**.

IT WAS LOST IN THE FOG OF THE GREAT WARS... UNTIL SKELETOR RETRIEVED IT.



I NEED TO GET IT BACK AND FIX CRINGER, SORCERESS. BUT MAN-AT-ARMS...

DUNCAN KNOWS GIVING HE-MAN'S POWER TO SKELETOR WOULD BE MUCH WORSE FOR ETERNIA. THE SWORD DOESN'T JUST STEAL STRENGTH--IT EXPLOITS **FLAWS**.



SORCERESS, WHEN YOU CHOSE ME TO BEAR THE POWER SWORD, YOU SAID IT WAS BECAUSE AT HEART, I UNDERSTOOD GREAT POWER MUST BE SHARED.

THAT I CARED FOR OTHERS' NEEDS ABOVE MY OWN STRENGTH.



BUT WHEN I WAS FIGHTING SKELETOR ON PIERCER PEAK HE TOOK MAN-AT-ARMS HOSTAGE.

SKELETOR WOULDN'T HAVE REACHED THE BLADE--IF I'D LET DUNCAN DIE.



DOES THAT MEAN MY COMPASSION...MY LACK OF DESIRE TO KEEP ALL POWER FOR MYSELF...

IS MY FLAW?



WHEN I CHOSE ADAM, I MADE HIM THE **MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE UNIVERSE.**

IT IS A BURDEN FEW, IF ANY, COULD ACCEPT WITHOUT CONFLICT.



BUT THE QUESTION OF THE PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN GODLIKE STRENGTH AND THE FRAILTIES OF THE MORTAL HEART IS THE ONE THE **SPIRIT OF GRAYSKULL** CANNOT PROVIDE AN ANSWER FOR.



IT WAITS FOR *YOU* TO TELL IT, HE-MAN.

SHORE OF THE
CRYSTAL SEA.

IT LIES AT
THE BORDERS OF
THE TERRITORIES
MER-MAN AND
I RULE.

KINGDOMS
IT SEEMS THAT WILL
GROW SOON...WITH THE
ADDITION OF SNAKE
MOUNTAIN. HNH
HH HHH.

WELCOME
TO THE **ISLE
OF DAGGERS,**
SKELETOR.

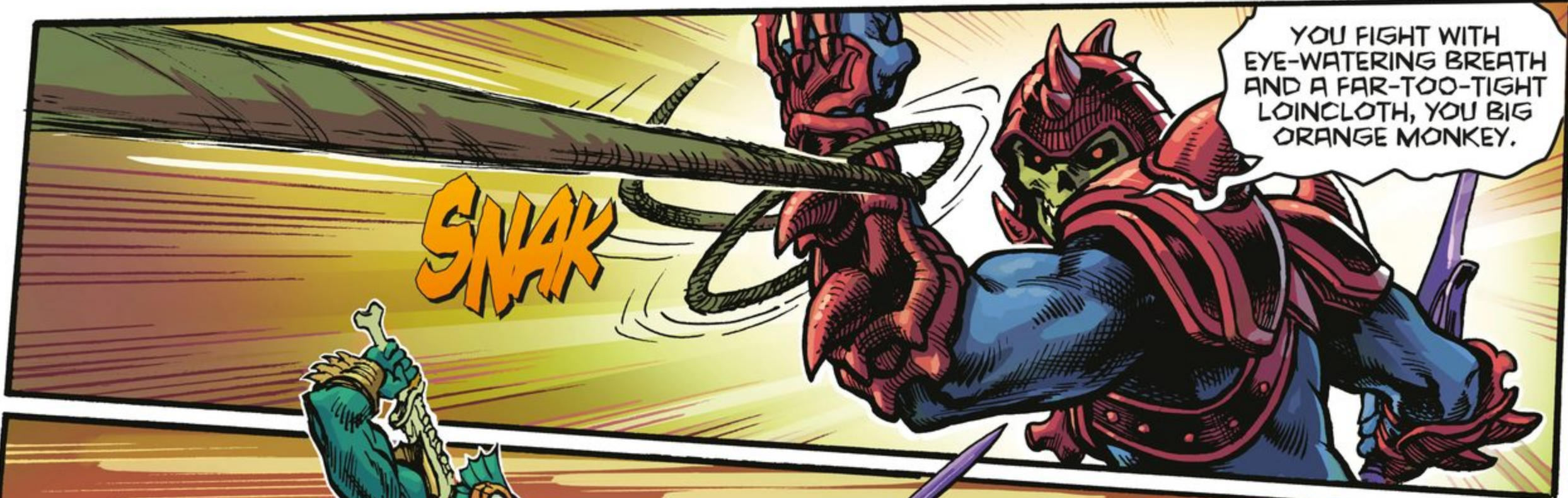
OH HOW I MISSED
THAT BRILLIANT SENSE OF
HUMOR, YOU GURGLING
MOLLUSK.

NOW, LET'S GET
THIS OVER WITH. I'VE
GOT SOME CHORES
FOR YOU BOTH.



WE FIGHT
FOR GLORY
AND BLOOD WITH
TOOTH AND
CLAW!

WE WILL
NEVER RETURN TO
YOUR SERVICE, **ALIEN!**
WE FIGHT FOR OUR
PEOPLE AND OUR
LANDS!



YOU FIGHT WITH EYE-WATERING BREATH AND A FAR-TOO-TIGHT LOINCLOTH, YOU BIG ORANGE MONKEY.



YOU'RE AN UNFUNNY JOKE WITHOUT ME.



PETTY INSULTS AND CHILDISH NAME-CALLING! THAT'S ALL YOU'VE EVER HAD, SKELETOR! YOU COULD NEVER LEAD! COULD NEVER INSPIRE!



BECAUSE YOU ARE SMALL AND WITHOUT VISION.



MAYBE, BUT I SEE MUCH BETTER NOW.



I SEE HOW SCARED YOU ARE WITHOUT ME. HOW PARANOID AND SUPERSTITIOUS.



BECAUSE DESPITE WHAT YOU BOTH SAY, YOU'RE THE LORDS OF BACKWATER FIEFS, DUNG HEAPS.

KINGS OF NOTHING.



HHHS.

HRRF!

YOU
BELITTLED
AND BERATED US
FOR YEARS...



TREATED
YOUR FOLLOWERS
AS DISPOSABLE
FODDER.

AND THAT'S
A MISTAKE
BEAST MAN AND
I DIDN'T MAKE.

REEEONG

HNF. AND YET YOU
FEAR THE BEASTS YOU
CONTROL. DOUBT YOUR
COMMANDS. BECAUSE
YOU KNOW FULL WELL
YOU'RE UNWORTHY
OF POWER.

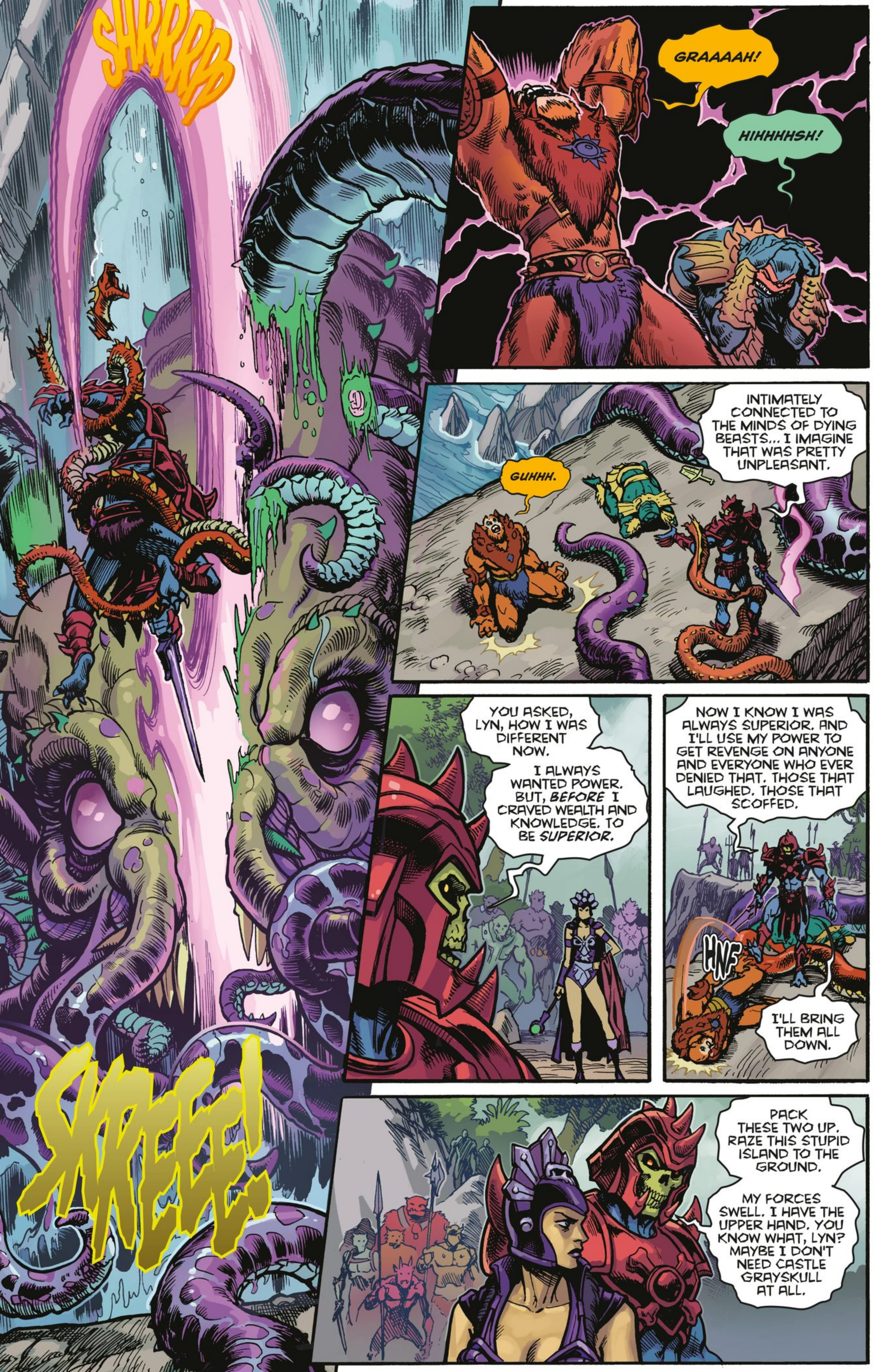


YOU RECEIVED
YOUR TITLES FROM
YOUR SIRS. YOU DIDN'T
FIGHT FOR THEM. YOU'VE
--HNNH--RARELY LEFT
YOUR FETID LITTLE
VILLAGES.

BUT I'VE BEEN
ACROSS DIMENSIONS.
BATTLED HORDAK.
ESCAPED HELL!

I KNOW
I'M WORTHY!





GRAAAAH!

HIHHHSH!

INTIMATELY
CONNECTED TO
THE MINDS OF DYING
BEASTS... I IMAGINE
THAT WAS PRETTY
UNPLEASANT.

GUHHH.

YOU ASKED,
LYN, HOW I WAS
DIFFERENT
NOW.

I ALWAYS
WANTED POWER.
BUT, *BEFORE* I
CRAVED WEALTH AND
KNOWLEDGE. TO
BE SUPERIOR.

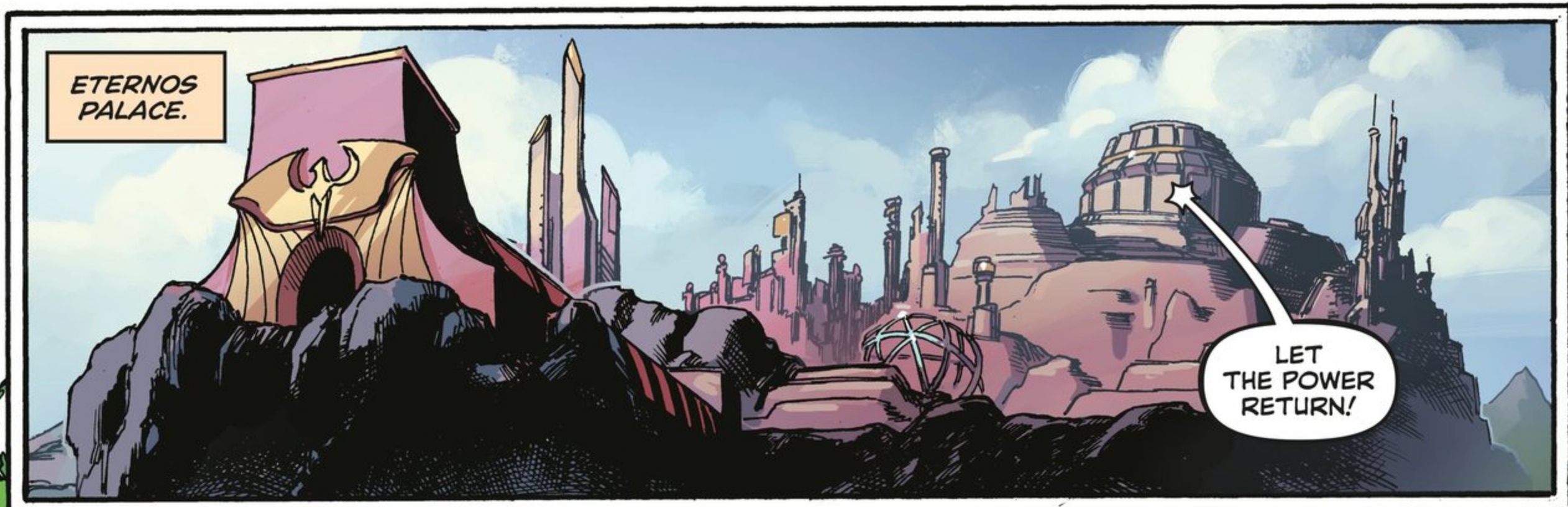
NOW I KNOW I WAS
ALWAYS SUPERIOR. AND
I'LL USE MY POWER TO
GET REVENGE ON ANYONE
AND EVERYONE WHO EVER
DENIED THAT. THOSE THAT
LAUGHED. THOSE THAT
SCOFFED.

WTF

I'LL BRING
THEM ALL
DOWN.

PACK
THESE TWO UP.
RAZE THIS STUPID
ISLAND TO THE
GROUND.

MY FORCES
SWELL. I HAVE THE
UPPER HAND. YOU
KNOW WHAT, LYN?
MAYBE I DON'T
NEED CASTLE
GRAYSKULL
AT ALL.



ETERNOS
PALACE.

LET
THE POWER
RETURN!



ADAM!
I'VE BEEN
MONITORING THE
TUNNEL ALL NIGHT.
I WAS GETTING
WORRIED...

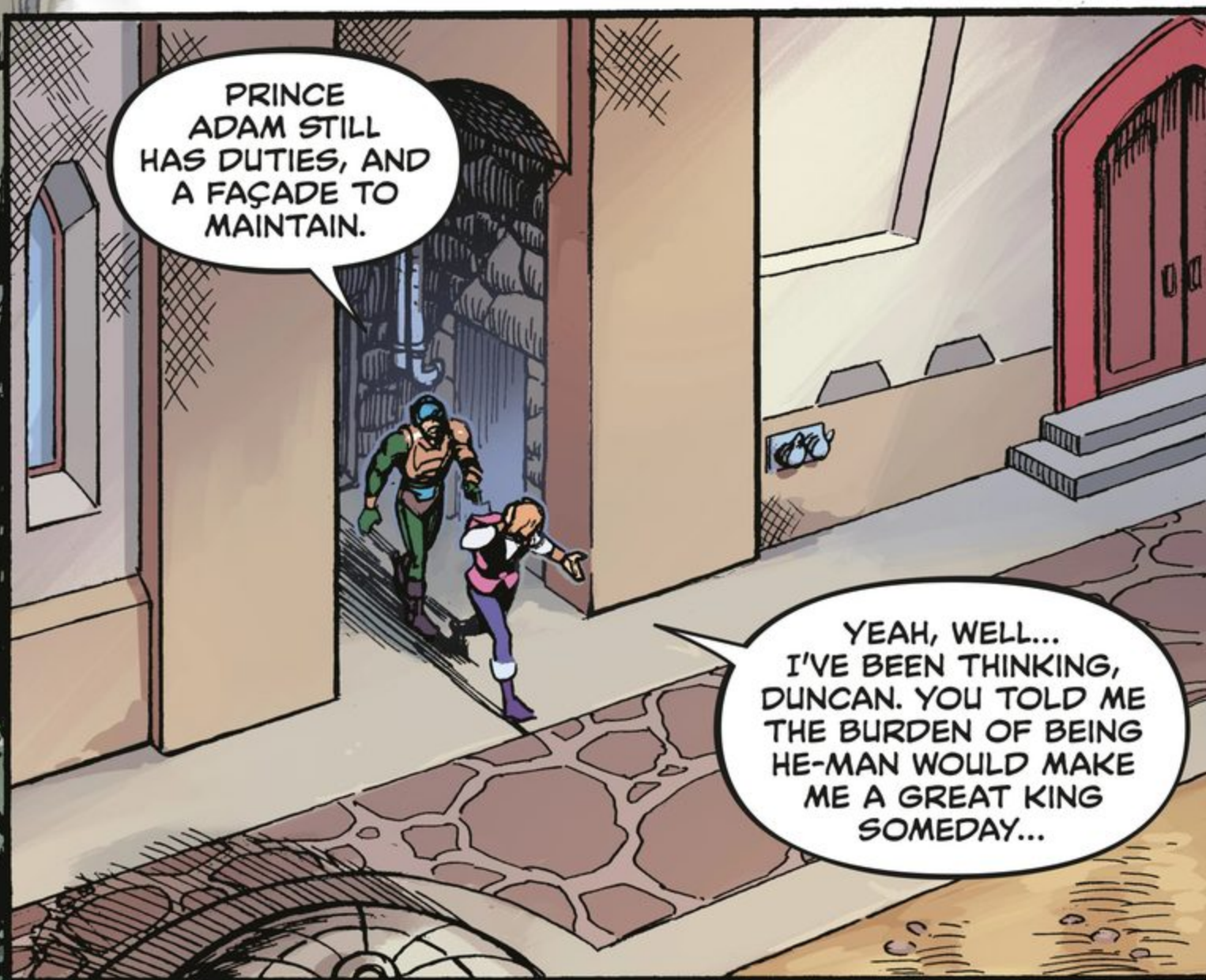
I WAS
VISITING
CRINGER AT
GRAYSKULL...



IT'S BAD,
DUNCAN. IT'S...
SO BAD.

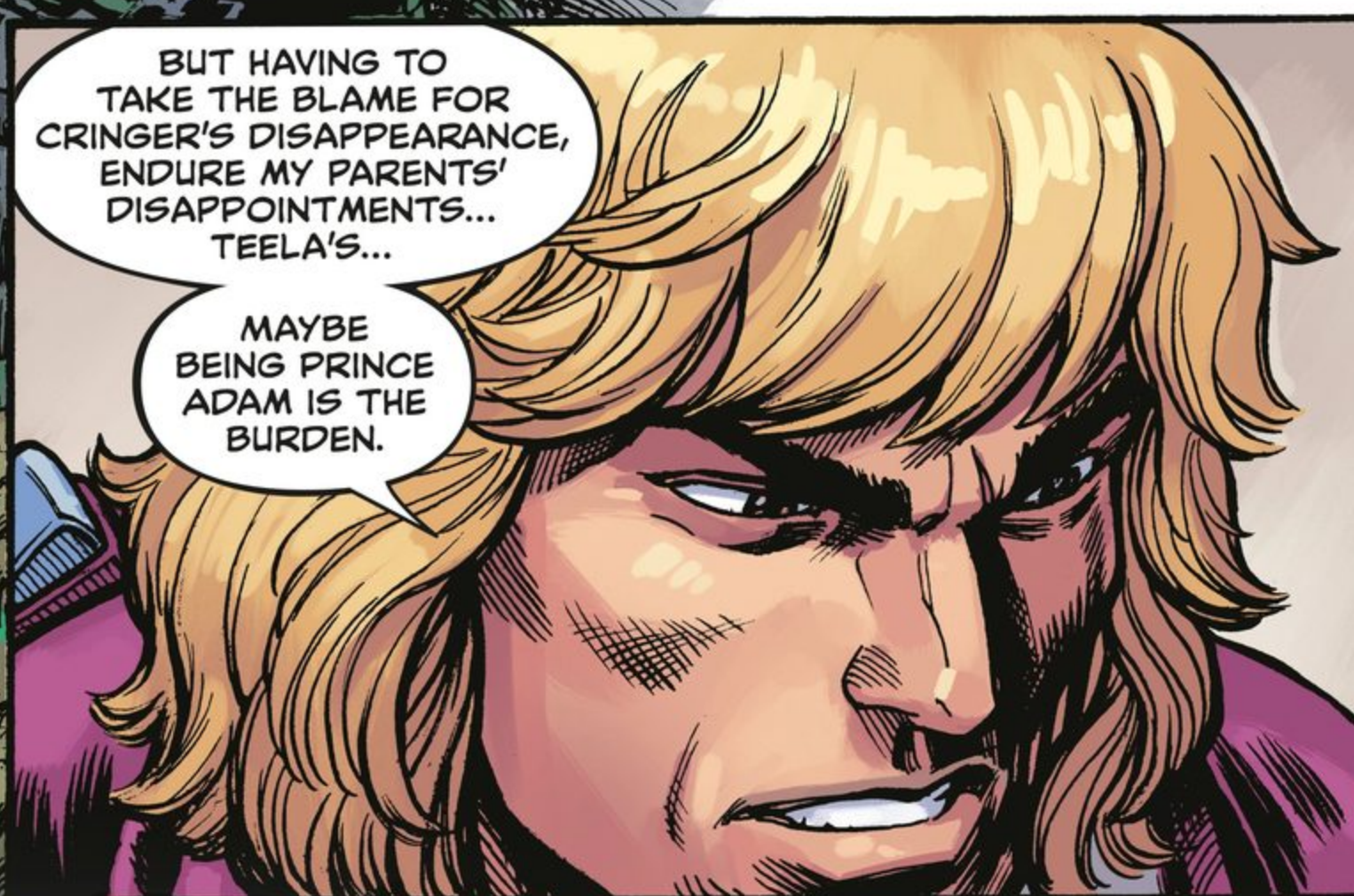
I'M SORRY, MY
BOY. TRULY.

BUT
TEELA WILL
BE HERE ANY
MOMENT.



PRINCE
ADAM STILL
HAS DUTIES, AND
A FAÇADE TO
MAINTAIN.

YEAH, WELL...
I'VE BEEN THINKING,
DUNCAN. YOU TOLD ME
THE BURDEN OF BEING
HE-MAN WOULD MAKE
ME A GREAT KING
SOMEDAY...



BUT HAVING TO
TAKE THE BLAME FOR
CRINGER'S DISAPPEARANCE,
ENDURE MY PARENTS'
DISAPPOINTMENTS...
TEELA'S...

MAYBE
BEING PRINCE
ADAM IS THE
BURDEN.



VIPER
TOWER.

NO! LET
ME GO! YOU
FOOLSSS!

SHUT UP, YOU
WHINY LITTLE
HATCHLING.

OR WE'LL
LET **SNAKE
FACE** GET A GOOD
LOOK AT THOSE
PRETTY EYES.

HCCCH!

THUNK

MY LIEGE, WE
FOUND THIS SKULKING
AROUND IN THE DARK.
IT'S PRETTY FAR FROM
SNAKE MOUNTAIN.

I RECOMMEND
LASHINGS.

YOU IGNORANT,
EMPTY SKINSSSS.
I'VE LONG BEEN AN
EMBEDDED SSPY--
ON SSSKELETOR!

I COULDN'T
WAIT ANY LONGER.
SKELETOR HASS
CHANGED. HE HAS HIS
OWN DAMNED POWER
SSSWORD!

TELL ME,
KHAN, DOES THE
VIOLET BLADE FEAST
LIKE SOME METAL
VAMPIRE?

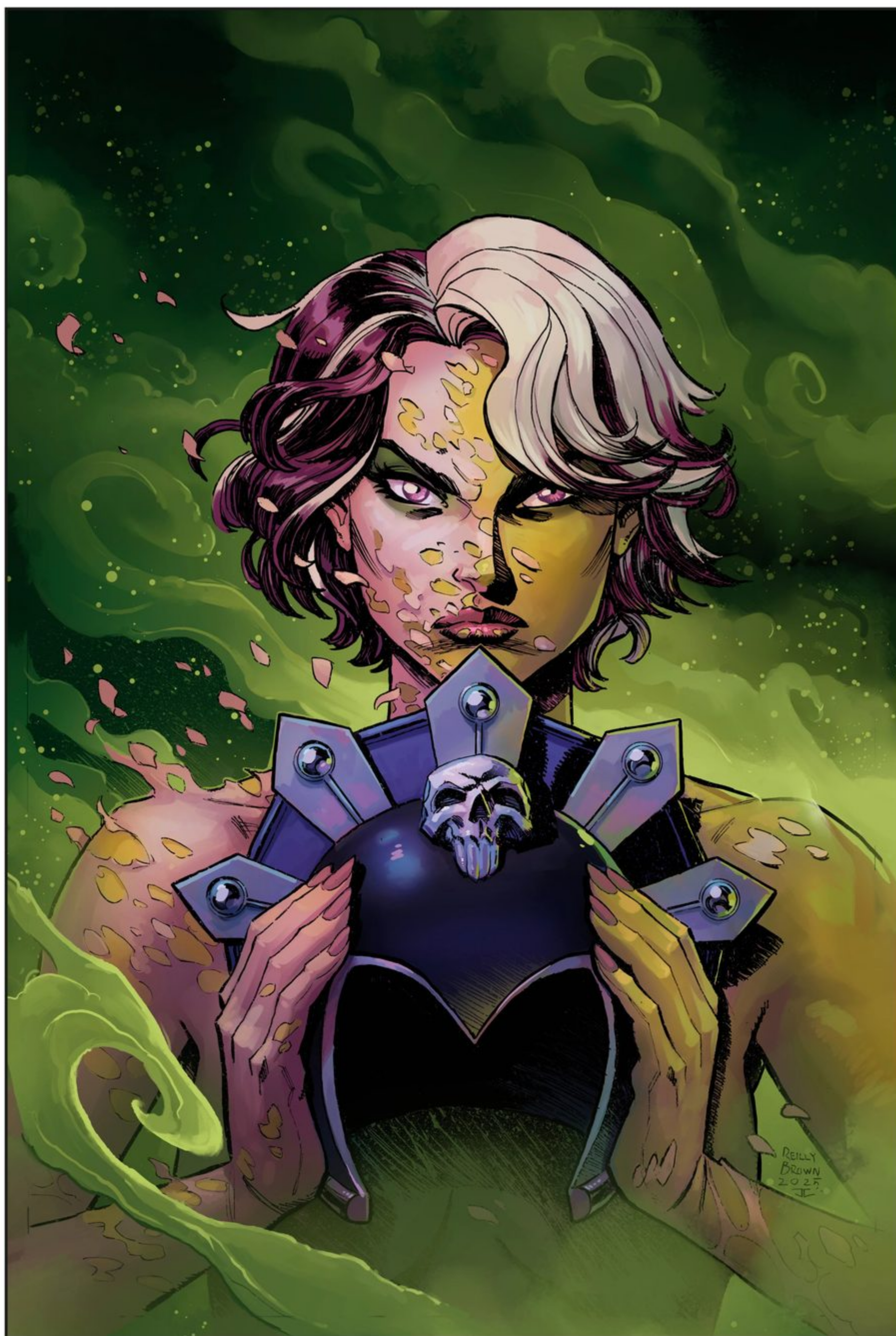
HNK! YESS,
MY LIEGE! IT'SS
CALLED--



THE
SWORD OF
FLAWS.

I'M FAMILIAR. IN
ITS WAY, THAT BLADE IS
THE REASON I WAS EXILED
FROM ETERNIA FOR AN AGE.
IT'S ONLY FAIR I TAKE IT
FROM **SKELTOR**.
AFTER ALL...

IT
WAS **MINE**
FIRST.



ON SALE JUNE 2026!

With the corrupt magic of the Sword of Flaws, Skeletor continues to amplify his power. And with the return of the Beast Men and Aquaticans to the fold of Evil Warriors, Skeletor's influence over Eternia is ever expanding. Meanwhile, the Snake Men are also gaining strength, becoming focused under King Hiss. In these unprecedented times, protecting Eternia is a challenge only the Masters of the Universe can face.



SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

